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(57) Abstract: Phage display was used to screen peptide libraries that distinguish between well-differentiated (HCT116) and poorly-differentiated colon carcinoma cells (HT29). The screening protocol used selection and subtraction on intact, viable cells, resulting in phage libraries exhibiting high binding selectivity for the poorly-differentiated HT29 cells. A nine amino acid, disulfide-constrained peptide (RPM) was identified that selectively bound and was internalized into colon cancer cells. The peptide may be used to detect colon cancer cells and also may be used to selectively deliver therapeutic agents to the cells.



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